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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/403,225 filed on October 15, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference,  
by

Giorgio TRANI; Marion STERNER; and Giovanni MANFRE

for

METHOD FOR OBTAINING DIMENSIONALLY AND STRUCTURALLY STABLE  
OBJECTS, IN PARTICULAR DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS, STARTING FROM  
FLEXIBLE FILM, AND OBJECT OBTAINED BY THE METHOD

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$740.00	\$370.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	1-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
		TOTAL	\$0.00	\$370.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$370.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/403,225, filed on October 15, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
- b. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/403,225, filed on October 15, 1999 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/403,225 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. ☒ Enclosed is/are four (4) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/403,225 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 7b. ☒ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to 1. Gruppo X Di X Gruppo S.R.L. and 2. BP Europack S.P.A..
9. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/EP98/02210 filed on April 15, 1998 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Italian Application Nos. VE97A000013 and VE97A000025 filed in Italy on April 17, 1997 and June 25, 1997, respectively, under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:
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13. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/403,225 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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